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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 869  
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Bryan Joseph Lavender on  
becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this Legislative Body should pause in its deliberations to recognize our youth for their ongoing commitment to the development of character, self-reliance and leadership abilities; and

WHEREAS, at a time when the youth of our nation face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that enhances character development and citizenship training; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout and Bryan Joseph Lavender of Troop 42, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, he has earned Merit Badges in the following areas: swimming, space exploration, safety, family life, personal fitness, mammals, communications, geology, Indian lore, camping, railroading, leather work, emergency preparedness, wilderness survival, crime prevention, first aid, personal management, citizenship in the world, citizenship in the nation, citizenship in the community and environmental science; and

WHEREAS, as a student at Hillwood High School, Bryan has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers; and

WHEREAS, he has excelled both academically and in numerous extracurricular activities, including playing on the varsity football, track and wrestling teams; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 42 includes 21 Merit Badges and distinguished service as Senior Patrol Leader and Den Chief; and

WHEREAS, Bryan's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; he constructed a garden, sixteen feet in diameter, on the Hillwood High School Football Field; and

WHEREAS, he is the son of proud parents, Charles and Doris Lavender, who have instilled in Bryan the importance of the time-honored values of patriotism, diligence and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Bryan is also the grandson of Harris Hand and Sue Lavender; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive the prestigious rank of Eagle, a Scout must prove himself to be both a leader and a young man of impeccable character; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Joseph Lavender has fulfilled these requirements and has proven himself worthy of this esteemed title; and

WHEREAS, young men of honor and integrity, who exemplify the true spirit of America, deserve this General Assembly's commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby applaud and honor Bryan Joseph Lavender on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.